

MTA-7003  
4 February 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- January 1987

## I. GENERAL

Following the stabbing of two Israelis in Jerusalem on the 17th, the Embassy banned unofficial travel to that city by mission employees. The ban was lifted on the 31st.

In late December, the Embassy front office announced that their FY-87 budget request had been cut by \$2.6 million, a cut of over 30 percent. Since the initial announcement, the Embassy has taken several steps to cut costs, including the virtual elimination of overtime; drastic cuts in long-distance phone calls, travel, cleaning & maintenance at the embassy, and furniture purchases; and tighter policies on services provided by GSO. At a meeting on 15 January called by the Ambassador, the admin counselor reported that, barring a "minor disaster," the Embassy would be able to stay within the allotment without cutting personnel and programs. Because it is now physically separate from the Embassy, the Bureau may well escape the direct impact of these cuts in FY-87. However, tighter accounting for services rendered to non-State components such as FBIS and efforts by the Embassy to make these components shoulder a larger share of the overall burden could have a significant impact on the Bureau budget in FY-88. It is certain that the Bureau's American staff will feel the impact of the budget cuts in the form of a less liberal approach with regard to entitlements for new arrivals and services provided by GSO. Embassy FSN's have been warned by the DCM that the FSN budget is next in line to be cut. Because the Bureau follows the Embassy wagescale, any cuts in the FSN budget could have a direct impact on the Bureau's FBN's.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

Persian Monitor [ ] earned kudos from C/AG [ ] for his report that an announcer on the now apparently defunct clandestine radio National Voice of Iran had been heard in the same capacity on the recently initiated Moscow Radio Peace and Progress Persian-language broadcasts. [ ] pointed out that [ ] observations had been used in a December TRENDS article and noted that AG welcomed such observations.

[ ] assumed coverage of Moscow Persian casts on 1, 2, 7, and 8 January to assist Nicosia Bureau while one of its Persian Section's two monitors was on emergency leave.

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**B. Lateral Services**

1. The deputy chief completed preliminary testing and interviewing of 7 Hungarian monitor candidates for Vienna Bureau selected from among the more than 60 applicants who responded to advertisements placed in the Israeli press. The results were pouched to Austria on 12 January.

2. The Bureau's Hebrew Section and the cruising monitor prepared videocassettes of assorted Hebrew-language television programs and pouched them to LRB at the latter's request.

**C. Technical**

1. The Bureau engineer and technicians completed installation work on the Bureau's vault alarm system begun by a visiting specialist in May, last year. The alarm is hooked up to the Embassy Marine Security Guard post via the Bureau microwave link. The alarm is currently being tested for reliability. The Bureau and the RSO are still discussing response and alerting procedures.

2. With London Bureau's assistance, the Bureau procured two specially-tuned RF preamplifiers as part of an antenna upgrade designed to improve reception of Cairo TV's First Program. As of this writing, the preamplifiers have arrived and have been installed. Bureau will report on results shortly.

**III. ADMINISTRATION****A. Personnel**

1. A baby girl, [redacted] was born to [redacted] on the 26th. [redacted] weighed 7lbs 3oz at birth. Mother and daughter are well.

2. The Bureau is still awaiting a final decision from the State Department's FSN office on the results of the Embassy's annual wage survey conducted in November-December.

**B. Building and Grounds**

On the 7th, the Bureau lawyer, administrative assistant, and acting chief met with a representative of [redacted] Building Construction Company, Azorim, in connection with a dispute over the final invoice submitted by the latter for work carried out to prepare the Bureau premises for occupancy. Azorim's invoice total of \$136K was well above the \$106K still obligated for this purpose in the FY-85 budget. The Bureau chief's suspicion that Azorim's invoice was merely a negotiating position proved correct. In the meeting, Azorim's representative agreed to drop all but \$1,035 of the \$43K in charges disputed by the Bureau. The parties established a final invoice grand total of less than \$92K. This includes almost \$12K of VAT, which will be refunded, leaving some \$26K of unexpended FY-85 funds. ✓

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#### IV. VISITS

[ ] returned to the Bureau on the 28th from delayed home leave in the States.

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#### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Bureau chief's return from delayed home leave was eagerly awaited by many members of the Embassy community, and news that he had been snowed-in in Washington caused considerable distress. [ ] had volunteered to record Superbowl XXI and hand-carry the tape back for a showing at the USIS auditorium the night of his return. Even though delayed, the tape was shown to an appreciative audience on the 30th. Reliable sources report that several purists shunned the radio and newspaper accounts and kept fingers in ears from the 26th to the 30th to maintain the element of surprise.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv

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cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report  
b. Communications Report

## Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for JANUARY 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	204940
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	50170
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	690

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7633.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	6210
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	0
Clandestine Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	5340
Clandestine Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	170

CYPRUS	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0

GREECE	
Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

ISRAEL	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	45960
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	18290

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	8810		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1340		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	11980		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			5780
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			450
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			1410
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4560
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			1410
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			3120
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Spanish			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			12840
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			4440
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			6480
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			11380
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			710
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			860
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			11410
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			2090
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Turkish	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Dari	0		
Moscow in			
Persian	0		
 TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in			
Turkish	25340		
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
Turkish		2640	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
English		11920	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in			
Turkish			0
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR JAN 19 87 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 204,940 ( 223,450)  
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 50,170 ( 52,060)  
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8,229 ( 8,887)  
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 13,370 on 21 January 1987  
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,330 on 24 January 1987
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.15 HOURS, 1.0 PERCENT.  
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.15 HOURS, 1.0 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 6 January 1987 -  
11 January 1987 -  
28 January 1987 -

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3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1,170

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.